

of my amazing wife and our new baby daughter. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following ways:

(1) H.R. 1726—To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the Borinqueneers—"yea."

(2) H.R. 2203—To provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence, good sportsmanship, and philanthropy—"yea."

(3) H.R. 2939—A bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Shimon Peres—"yea."

(4) H.R. 3658—Monuments Men Recognition Act of 2013—"yea."

(5) H.R. 1209—To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo—"yea."

(6) S. 309—A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol—"yea."

(7) H.R. 685—American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Act—"yea."

(8) H.R. 4628—To amend title 23, the United States Code, with respect to United States Route 78 in Mississippi, and for other purposes—"yea."

TRIBUTE TO SIENNA E.
SCHAEFFER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Sienna Schaeffer of Grimes, Iowa, for being named a Presidential Scholar by the 2014 United States Presidential Scholars Program. Being counted among this esteemed program is one of America's highest honors for high school students.

Originally created by Executive Order in 1964, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program has honored our nation's best and brightest high school seniors for academic distinction, artistic excellence, and civic engagement. This year, Sienna will be honored with 140 other Presidential Scholars from across the country for their exceptional efforts. Each of these future leaders were chosen from more than 3,000 applicants based on outstanding college entrance exams, school transcripts, leadership activities, and contributions to their community. These young men and women truly represent the best of the American education system and remind us all of the promise and potential held by our nation's youth.

Since 1983, each U.S. Presidential Scholar has also been asked to choose one exceptional teacher to recognize. For her selection, Ms. Schaeffer chose Dallas Center-Grimes High School Chemistry and Environmental Science teacher Josh Mangler. Both Sienna and Mr. Mangler will receive congratulatory letters from United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan for their outstanding work.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Ms. Schaeffer from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Sienna for her dedication, and thanking her supportive family,

Mr. Mangler, and all of the teachers and role models in Ms. Schaeffer's life who have played a critical role in her remarkable accomplishment. I wish Sienna the best of luck in her future education and career as she continues to utilize her gifts and Iowa-bred work ethic to positively impact our state and nation.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE MARRIAGE
OF MS. MEGAN MAUREEN
KORCZYNSKI TO MR. KEVIN
PAUL GOW, JR.

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the upcoming nuptials of Ms. Megan Maureen Korczynski to Kevin Paul Gow, Jr., on May 24, 2014. Ms. Korczynski and her family have been lifetime residents and volunteers in the Chicago area and it is my pleasure to acknowledge such a joyous occasion.

Ms. Korczynski and Mr. Gow have both enjoyed their time living and studying in Chicago and are ready to start a new chapter in their lives together. Ms. Korczynski is the daughter of Mrs. Diane Korczynski, a seasoned elementary education teacher, and Mr. Edwin Korczynski, a Major United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civilian Air Patrol. Both of whom have worked hard to instill the qualities of great character, competence, vision and drive into their daughter throughout her life. They are extremely proud of the woman she has become and could not be happier for her upcoming marriage. Mr. Gow, Jr., is the son of Kevin Gow, Sr., a former U.S. Marine Captain, and the late Mrs. Gow. Both of whom can take great pride in the admirable man he has become today.

On May 24, 2014, both Megan Korczynski and Kevin Paul Gow, Jr., will partake in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. On that merry day the couple will be surrounded by their family and friends who will help them celebrate with their love and support. I would like to extend my best wishes to the happy couple. This is truly a momentous event in their lives, and as they celebrate their wedding, I wish them great happiness and joy for many years to come.

HONORING DENISHA L. SOLOMON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Denisha L. Solomon has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Dunaire Elementary School, and as a beloved daughter, sister and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Solomon has been chosen as the 2014 Teacher of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Solomon is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Denisha L. Solomon for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2014 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim April 2, 2014 as Ms. Denisha L. Solomon Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 2nd day of April, 2014.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD
OF EDUCATION

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2014

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, May 17, 2014 marked the sixtieth anniversary of the landmark United States Supreme Court ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

As Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote in his unanimous decision, "In the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." The *Brown* ruling declared that state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students were unconstitutional under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Although initially met with resistance, *Brown v. Board of Education* provided an impetus to education reform, paved the way for integration, and proved an integral part of the American Civil Rights Movement.

As we commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of this case, we celebrate the achievements that have been made in our country's classrooms to ensure that all students—regardless of color—receive a quality education. We still have a long way to go, however, to ensure that the promise of *Brown* is fully realized. Many school districts today have not fully desegregated. In addition, many students—particularly those who are minorities and come from low-income families—lack access to advanced placement classes; the latest education technology; safe learning environments; extracurricular activities; and clean, well-functioning classrooms. As we commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of *Brown*, it is vital that we take stock of its legacy and do all that we can to ensure that our children have equal opportunities to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in applauding the achievements that have come to fruition over the past six decades in the American classroom since *Brown v. Board of Education*. Let us work together to fully realize its promise and create a more perfect Union.